

✓ Page 15, line 6; change "where" to --were--.

✓ Page 15, line 20; change "in tact" to --intact--.

✓ Page 17, line 24; delete "in" and substitute --by freezing from--.

✓ Page 21, line 16; change "Niembatal" to --Nembatal--.

✓ Page 25, line 18 and 19; delete the sentence beginning with "In addition".

✓ Page 29, line 12; change "claim" to --claims--.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 1 and rewrite the same in amended form as follows:

A<sup>1</sup> ~~--1(Once Amended).~~ A preserved vessel isolated from a human umbilical cord [and] directly lyophilized without chemical denaturing, said preserved vessel exhibiting low antigenicity and high patency when implanted as an allograft.--

Please add new claim 13.

A<sup>2</sup> ~~--13(Newly Added).~~ The preserved vessel isolated from a human placenta ~~directly~~ lyophilized without chemical denaturing, said preserved vessel exhibiting low antigenicity and high patency when implanted as an allograft.--

**R E M A R K S**

The above amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Action, paper number 3. A one-month extension of time is requested and the requisite fee is enclosed.

In the Examiner's Action, claims 1-3, and 7-9 were rejected as being anticipated by Brendel et al. Claims 1-12 were